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AS SIDELIGHT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ZURICH ON FEBRUARY 18,
THE MARXIST REVOLUTIONARY LEAGUE STAGED A DEMONSTRATION
AT 17:30 ON FEBRUARY 18, 1975 IN THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT
OF THE BUILDING HOUSING THE OFFICES OF THE CONSULATE
GENERAL IN ZURICH.

THE DEMONSTRATION CONSISTED OF A NUCLEUS OF ABOUT 10-20
YOUNG SWISS DRESSED AS ARABS WITH ONE LONG BANNER PROTESTING
MEETING OF THE SECRETARY AND THE SHAH. THERE WAS A LOT OF
SLOGAN SHOUTING AND SEVERAL SPEECHES WERE READ OVER BULLHORN
SPEAKERS. THE DEMONSTRATORS ALSO STAGED A BRIEF STREET
THEATER PERFORMANCE FEATURING EFFIGIES OF THE SHAH AND
THE SECRETARY CONVERSING IN A GOLDEN BATHTUB. IN ADDITION
TO DEMONSTRATORS, THERE WERE ABOUT 150 ONLOOKERS GATHERED
IN THE VICINITY. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT AT VIOLENCE OR
DESTRUCTION.

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AFTER ABOUT 45 MINUTES , THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED ON TO THE
OFFICES OF THE IRAN AIR.

SWISS POLICE CLEARED BUILDING AND AREA BEFORE THE SCHEDULED
START OF DEMONSTRATION AND TOOK PRECAUTIONS TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO CONSULAR OFFICES

A RESERVE DETACHMENT OF RIOT POLICE WAS LOCATED ON
THE PREMISES. BUT NOT IN VIEW OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.
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